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SUBJ: RHODESIAN LIBERATION GROUPS REQUEST UNHCR ASSISTANCE

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SUMMARY: LUSAKA UNHCR REP SAID APRIL 7 THAT BOTH
ZAPU AND ZANU HAVE APPROACHED HIS OFFICE FOR HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE. ZAPU HAS REQUESTED 3 MOBILE MEDICAL CLINICS, FOOD
AND CLOTHING. TWO COMPONENTS OF ZAPU'S PROPOSAL HAVE BEEN FOR-
WARDED TO UNHCR GENEVA FOR CONSIDERATION. THE ZANU REQUEST,
WHICH INVOLVES GRZ SANCTION AND ACTION, IS BEING HELD UNTIL
THE GRZ HAS ACTED. UNHCR REP WAS UNAWARE OF THE CURRENT DUTCH
ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED ZAPU. END SUMMARY.

1. LUSAKA UNHCR REP OPDAHL TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 7 THAT ZAPU HAS
PRESENTED A THREE COMPONENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. ZAPU
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REQUESTED THREE MOBILE MEDICAL CLINICS, ONE OF WHICH ZAPU
WOULD PROPOSE TO POSITION IN MOZAMBIQUE, CLOTHING FOR 5,000
PERSONS AND FOOD. UNHCR REP SAID THAT ZAPU REQUEST FOR THREE
MOBILE CLINICS COSTING APPROXIMATELY K99,000 AND TWO CLOTHING
REQUESTS, ONE FOR K107,000 FOR 2,000 PERSONS AND A SECOND
K160,000 FOR 3,000 PERSONS, HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO GENEVA FOR
CONSIDERATION. OPDAHL POINTED OUT THAT THIS REQUEST HAD NOT

BEEN BUDGETED FOR AND WOULD HAVE TO COME OUT OF FUNDS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, OR WOULD HAVE TO WAIT FOR UNHCR EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVAL IN OCTOBER. SINCE THE UNHCR COULD NOT ASSIST WITH THE FOOD REQUEST, ZAPU OFFICIALS WERE DIRECTED TO UNDP WHERE THEY HAVE APPROACHED THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE. OPDAHL REMARKED THAT GOOD USE COULD BE MADE OF ONE OF THE REQUESTED MOBILE MEDICAL CLINICS AT NAMPUNDWE MINE, NEAR LUSAKA, WHERE RHODESIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER ZAPU CONTROL ARE BEING ACCOMMODATED.

2. LOCAL UNHCR OFFICIALS HAVE WORKED WITH ZANU (MUGABE) IN FORMULATING A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A FARM/SETTLEMENT WHICH ZANU HAS REQUESTED FROM THE GRZ. A PRELIMINARY PLANNING FIGURE OF K275,000 IS BEING USED. THIS AMOUNT WOULD COVER PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY, HOUSING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT. THIS IS ONLY A TENTATIVE PLANNING FIGURE WHICH COULD RISE DEPENDING ON THE SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE FARM. THE LOCAL UNHCR OFFICE HAS NOT SUBMITTED THIS PROPOSAL TO GENEVA AND WILL NOT DO SO UNTIL THE GRZ HAS ALLOTTED THE FARM TO ZANU AND GIVEN ITS PERMISSION IN WRITING FOR THE UNHCR TO ASSIST. UNHCR REP BELIEVES THAT ZANU REQUEST PRESENTS GRZ WITH A POLITICAL PROBLEM WHICH MAY DELAY ANY DECISION FOR SOME TIME. UNHCR HAS ALSO BEEN APPROACHED BY ZANU FOR ASSISTANCE IN MOVING REFUGEES FROM BOTSWANA TO ZAMBIA, WHICH IT IS WILLING TO DO, BUT AGAIN CANNOT DO SO WITHOUT GRZ AND OAU PERMISSION.

3. WHEN EMBOFF MENTIONED THAT THE DUTCH WERE PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ZAPU (REFTEL B) THE UNHCR REP SAID
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THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF THIS BUT NOT SURPRISED. HE EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT THE GRZ WOULD BE CONTEMPLATING DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO ZAPU (REFTEL A).

4. COMMENT: THE GRZ'S APPROVAL OF ZAPU'S REQUEST TO THE UNHCR IN OCTOBER 1976 REPRESENTED A SHIFT IN GRZ POLICY. PREVIOUSLY THE GRZ HAD NOT APPROVED LIBERATION GROUPS SEEKING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR FOLLOWERS LOCATED IN ZAMBIA, PREFERRING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN KIND FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES. APPARENTLY THE NUMBERS TO BE PROVIDED FOR WITH THE PROSPECT OF MORE TO COME REACHED A POINT WHERE ASSISTANCE TO THEM BECAME A BURDEN WHICH THE GRZ DECIDED IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO SHARE WITH OTHER WILLING PARTIES. ZAPU'S REQUEST FOR A MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC TO BE USED IN MOZAMBIQUE SUGGESTS THAT ZAPU IS THINKING IN TERMS OF ESTABLISHING A PRESENCE OF SOME SORT IN MOZAMBIQUE, OR MIGHT MAKE THE MOBILE CLINIC AVAILABLE TO ZANU IN

MOZAMBIQUE AS A GESTURE OF SUPPORT AND COOPERATION.
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